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SUBJ: ABIDJAN PORT PROBLEMS

UNDERSTAND GRAIN BEGINNING TO SPOIL IN PORTS DUE HUMIDITY, AGE, ETC. PLEASE IMMEDIATELY REQUEST OF AID/W OR NOTIFY THEM THAT WE WILL EXPECT WEEKLY RECORDS OF GRAIN INVENTORIES AND AMOUNT OF SPOILAGE AND LOSS FROM OTHER CAUSES IN ALL PORTS AND TRANS-SHIPMENT POINTS FROM NOW ON. THEY'LL SCREAM LIKE HELL THAT STAFF ALREADY OVERWORKED AND THIS WILL PREVENT VALUABLE JOBS FROM BEING DONE. NSDT* THEY'VE NEEDED MORE STAFF HERE FOR PAST YEAR AND A HALF AND DONE NOTHING. MAYBE THIS WILL FORCE THEIR HANDS. SITUATION NOT AT ALL CRITICAL ACCORDING TO COASTAL AID TYPES--WE'RE ONLY GOING TO FAIL TO DELIVER ABOUT 60,000 M/T OF GRAIN AND PROBABLY LOSE ONE QUARTER TO ONE THIRD OF THAT. THEY NEED AT LEAST ONE MAN FULL TIME IN EACH PORT (DAKAR, ABIDJAN, COTONOU), ONE FULL TIME MAN IN EACH RECIPIENT COUNTRY TO CHECK DISTRIBUTION/STORAGE, TOTAL FIVE. PLAN ON INCREASING SIZE OF OUR TEAM IN SAHEL IN FALL. IT WILL TAKE AT LEAST FOUR MEN AND TEAM LEADER TO SORT THESE WORMS OUT. COMPARED TO TESSALIT, GREECE'S DESOLATE. HOPE, TAYLOR, NOWOTNY, RUBIN ON BOARD WHEN I RETURN.

WANT APPOINTS SET UP WITH FOLLOWING WEEK OF MY RETURN: PARKER,
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MURPHY, EAGLEBURGER, EASUM. PLEASE SENT THEM UP.

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